(d) Government has a scheme of production of controlled cloth and Janata Cloth in NTC and handloom sectors respectively. State Governments have arrangements for distribution of these varieties of cloth through fair price shops and other marketing outlets.

Pension to Freedom Fighters

1642. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of cases for pensions under the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Scheme in respect of Freedom Fighters of Punjab who had been convicted and the cases of Morcha Gunika Bag 1922 and Kisan Morcha 1939 are yet to be finalised;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the reasons for the delay in sanctioning their pensions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) to (c) All applications from the State of Punjab for grant of pension under Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme have since been disposed of. No Morcha—wise figures of applications are being maintained.

Attack on an employee of Mother Dairy

1643. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report concerning inaction by the police despite attack on an employee of Mother Dairy, Delhi an ex-service man now working as Driver-cum-Salesman while on duty inside the Mother Dairy; and

(b) if so, what action has been or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSOINS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On receipt of report on 6th February, 1987, a Sub-Inspector visited the hospital and collected the Medico Legal Certificate of the injured Baldev Dass. The doctor has opined that the nature of the injuries was simple. The nature of injuries being simple no cognizable offence is made out.

Handoom Rebate Scheme

1644. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA:

KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a gradual phasing out of the handloom rebate scheme;

(b) if so, whether any alternative to the present rebate system has been worked out; and

(c) whether Government have any proposal to provide subsidised yarn or marketing assistance for the handloom industry; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) On account of various problems and difficulties in the implementation of the rebate scheme, the Government feels that the rebate scheme, should be phase out and the money so saved could be used for implementing other developmental schemes which are more beneficial to the handloom sector. No alternative to the rebate scheme, however, has, so far been worked out.

(c) The Government have no proposal at present for providing yarn at subsidised rates. Marketing assistance under "Plan" schemes in being provided in the form of share capital assistance to Primary Weavers' Co-operative Socities, Apex Weavers' Co-operative Societies and different State Handloom Development Corporations for widening the market base and for opening new sales outlets. Assistance for publicity and exhibitions is also being provided.

Inquiry into the affairs of Hotel Konark, Bhubaneshwar

1645. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA:
KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have instituted inquiry into the affairs of the India Tourism Development Corporation run Hotel Konark at Bhubaneswar, Orissa following complaints of gross mismanagement;

(b) if so, what are the findings of the inquiry; and

(c) what are the reasons behind the abrupt closure of Transport Division of ITDC in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) and (b) ITDC is presently operating Hotel Kalinga Ashok at Bhubaneshwar and not Hotel Konark there. No enquiry has been instituted by the Ministry of Tourism against a private sector Konark at Bhubaneshwar.

(c) ITDC had given a lead by opening its Transport Unit at Bhubaneswar in 1976. Since then the State Govt. as well as private transporters have come in the field. Keeping in view the continued losses, availability adeyuate transport facilities and lack of demand, ITDC closed down its transport operation at Bhubaneswar on 31-8-1985.

Migrants from Punjab

1646. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of migrants from Punjab, according to the survey conducted by the Delhi Administration, who are at present putting up in Delhi; and

(b) what steps have been taken by Government for their rehabilitation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) As per available information with Deputy Commissioner, Delhi, total number of migrant families from Punjab who are putting up in Delhi is 2148 consisting of about 9720 members.

(b) There is no policy decision regarding permanent rehabilitation of these migrant families from Punjab in Delhi. However, Delhi Adminisration has taken the following steps to extend temporary relief:—

(i) Financial assistnce @ Rs. 10/- per day per member subject to the maximum of Rs. 1000 per month per family.

(ii) One room accommodation or tented accommodation with 4 whats and 2 guddas

(iii) Free electricity and drinking water.

(iv) Medical coverage.

Punjab situation

1647. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what fresh steps have been suggested by the State Government for the normalisation of situation in Punjab;